

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held October 3, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"On October 2002, in conjunction with the observance of National Disability Awareness Month, the Board proclaimed October 16, 2002 as the first Countywide 'Disability Mentoring Day.' The purpose of this special day was to educate the general public and give employers a glimpse of the tremendous potential of persons with disabilities, who have been called the 'largest, best-educated, and least-tapped resource in America.'

"Disability Mentoring Day' is a Nationwide effort to promote career development for students and other job seekers with disabilities (mentees) through hands-on career exploration, job shadowing, internship or employment opportunities, and matching of mentee/mentor relationships.

"The goals of 'Disability Mentoring Day' are to:

- Enhance internship and employment opportunities for people with disabilities;
- Promote disability as a central component of diversity recruitment for a more inclusive workforce;
- Dispel employers' fears about hiring people with disabilities;
- Increase confidence among students and job seekers with disabilities; and
- Serve as a launching point to promote a year-round, National effort to foster mentoring and career-exploration opportunities."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board proclaimed October 18, 2006, as "Disability Mentoring Day" throughout Los Angeles County to increase awareness of persons with disabilities in today's workforce.

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